

**How does Congress pass bills?**

**Why did our Founding Fathers make it so difficult to pass laws?**

**Do you think they were right or wrong to do so? Why?**

Our class was visited by Congresswoman Sue Kelly. She taught us how a bill is passed. Well, there's 435 members of the House of Representatives and 100 members of the Senate. The first step in passing a bill is a citizen has to come up with the bill. Then it is sent to the House. They come up with extras that will go along with the bill. Then they vote on it. It is then passed to the Senate where they vote on it. If the bill is passed by the House and the Senate, then they meet. Both the Senate and the House have to persuade the other side. If it is agreed on both sides, it is sent to the president. If it is signed it becomes a law, but if it is vetoed it is sent back to the House and Senate. Both sides could override the President's veto by voting again with 2/3rds. If they pass it again it is sent to the president again. The president could pass it or veto it again. This will go on until the House, Senate, and the President agree.

I think this is a good method for passing a bill. It makes sure that it is a law that you truly needed. The Founding Fathers made it so difficult to pass the law so the House, Senate, Congress, and President wouldn't become too powerful. I think the Founding Fathers were right to do. It makes it right because we do not want a king.

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